



**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE GALWAY CITY  
JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**A meeting of Galway City Joint Policing Committee will be held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the Council Chamber, Galway City Council, College Road, Galway at 11.00am.**

***Parking is available at the customer car park at City Hall or the Greyhound Track, College Road.***

*The Agenda is as set out hereunder:*

**Signed:**   
**Caitriona Morgan**  
**Secretary to the Committee**

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### **AGENDA**

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Galway City Joint Policing Committee held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
(Minutes enclosed and previously circulated)
- 2. Consideration of Garda Report** (Copy of Garda Report up to end of December 2018 to issue in advance of the above meeting).
- 3. Up-date on JPC Strategic Plan 2017-2020** (Reports as received from sub-committees)
- 4. Discussion on specific topics**  
Question received from Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty:  
*Is it possible to obtain more information in relation to the Driver Feed Back Signs?*
- 5. Proposed dates for Galway City JPC Meetings 2019** (Proposed dates attached)
- 6. Any other Business**





## Galway City Joint Policing Committee

### Meeting Minutes

- Date:** Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Location:** Council Chamber, College Road, Galway at 11.00am
- Chairperson:** Cllr. M. Cubbard, Chairperson of the Committee.
- Members Present:** Cllr. P. Conneely, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. M. Lohan, Cllr. B. Cameron, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. M. Farrell, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N McNelis, Cllr. T. O' Flaherty, Cllr. P. Keane, Deputy Sean Kyne TD, Mr. J. Rabbitte, Mr J. Loughnane, Mr Tommy Flaherty, Ms. N. Tierney, Mr. J Cleary, Supt M Skehill, Mr. T. Connell, Mr Gary McMahon
- Apologies:** Mr. Brendan McGrath, Cllr Niall McNelis, Chief Supt. T. Curley
- In Attendance:** Ms. A Whyte, C.O.

Item No:	Description
No. 1	<p><b><u>Minutes of previous Meeting and Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Mark Lohan and seconded by Cllr Terry O'Flaherty.</p>

In terms of Matters Arising the following points / queries were raised:

- Mr T Flaherty enquired if a response was received in relation to the guidelines for the operation of JPCs in particular the general membership and the requirement of Oireachtas members to attend the meetings.
- Cllr Mark Lohan queried if the CCTV systems proposed by Galway City Council have a record feature.
- It was requested that a presentation which was given by Leitrim Comhairle na nÓg in relation to their campaign “Use your brain not your fists” be progressed in Galway City.
- Cllr Terry O’Flaherty requested an update on the new Garda Divisional Headquarters at Murrough, Renmore.
- There was a query in relation to the resources to be put in place for the enforcement of Busking Bye Laws.
- Cllr Donal Lyons queried the extension of the pedestrian path south of Ashleigh Grove and also the bollards at Kingston cross.
- Cllr Terry O’Flaherty queried the number of horses lifted by Galway City Council
- Cllr Billy Cameron asked for the figures for phone scams and online scams. Cllr Cameron also queried CCTV requirements at Bowling Green, Woodquay and Ballybane.
- Cllr Cameron queried if there had been a response received from WRDAFT.
- Cllr. B Cameron queried red light cameras

In response Supt. M. Skehill advised on the following:

- Chief Sup T Curley will give a presentation on the new Garda Divisional Headquarters at the next JPC meeting.
- Supt M Skehill advised that she had no knowledge of the proposed use of resources for Bye Laws

	<p>In response Mr Gary McMahon advised on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In relation to the Bye laws the City Council are awaiting a final opinion from the Law agents. The Bye Laws will not be coming into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.</li> <li>• The letter has been sent to the WRDATF requesting their policy and on response is awaited.</li> </ul> <p>In response Mr Thomas Connell advised on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The request for the extension of the footpath in Ashleigh Grove is currently being looked into. There is an issue with a land owner at the moment in relation to same.</li> <li>• Housing are managing the lifting of horses at present so figures for same will be requested from that department. There is currently a national tendering process in place for lifting of horses.</li> <li>• In relation to CCTV the request for same has not progressed as guidelines have issue in relation to use of CCTV to comply with General Data Protection Regulation</li> </ul>
<p><b>No. 2</b></p>	<p><b><u>Consideration of Garda Report</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Donal Lyons queried the increase in minor assaults. The figure for MAT checkpoints has reduced is this due to resources and also MPV theft is up by 20% is this due to cars being left unlocked.</p> <p>Mr Tommy Flaherty advised that the message in relation to theft from vehicles doesn't seem to be getting around. In relation to the figure for minor assaults how many of these were alcohol related.</p> <p>Cllr Pdraig Conneely queried what items are being stolen from vehicles and if modern technology is making it easier to access due to keyless car entry and remote locking.</p> <p>Cllr Declan McDonnell advised that there is always a speed van on Joyces Road this would be much more beneficial elsewhere. Cllr McDonnell also queried if the overtime ban will have an effect on Galway City.</p>

Cllr Mark Lohan the figure for assaults are up “Use your brain not your fists” really needs to be promoted in Galway city. Mr Gary McMahon informed Cllr Lohan that Comhairle na nOg had been contacted in relation to this.

Cllr Mike Cubbard suggested that Galway City Council provide funding for a full leaflet drop like campaign “light up lock up”.

In response Supt. M. Skehill advised on the following:

- In relation to minor assaults these are broken down into two sections when being recorded section 2 being very minor with section 3 being where victim is cut or injured.
- MAT Checkpoints are still ongoing.
- In relation to MPV theft the members of the public are constantly being advised to lock their vehicles and put items away out of sight.
- There is no particular location which is targeted for MPV theft it is just done as opportunity arises, workmen’s tools are also often targeted
- The ban on overtime will have an effect in Galway, there is approval for 31 new recruits, 4 of which just started last weekend.
- In relation to leaflet drop for campaign Supt M Skehill will speak with Crime prevention officer Michael Walsh and see if he will give a presentation on same.

Cllr Terry O’Flaherty proposed that private company responsible for speed van on Joyce’s road be contacted and invited to attend the next JPC meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Donal Lyons.

Mr Joseph Loughnane proposed a motion that this Joint Policing Committee with reference to national guidelines, takes the initiative to include in its Garda Report, the recording of Hate Crimes (racist) in its garda report and this to be done nationally going forward. This was seconded by Cllr Billy Cameron.

Cllr Donal Lyons queried if the data from speed detection signs could be collated and if so could this be then forwarded to the Gardai to identify areas where speeding had been detected

Mr Thomas Connell to determine if information from speed signs is being collated.

<p><b>No. 3</b></p>	<p><b><u>Update on JPC Strategic Plan 2017 – 2020</u></b></p> <p>Mr John Rabbitte gave a verbal report in relation to Road Safety and Traffic management. Mr John Rabbitte will circulate this written report at the next JPC Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Mairead Farrell advised that they are hoping to hold a community meeting so the elderly will be able to acquire information, this will be focused on the Eastside and in Flannerys hotel at end of October.</p> <p>It was agreed that written reports from sub-committees be circulated prior to the JPC meetings going forward.</p>
<p><b>No. 4</b></p>	<p><b><u>Discussion on holding a Public Meeting</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Public Meeting of the Joint Policing Committee be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Ballinfoile Castlegar Neighborhood centre.</p> <p>This was proposed by Cllr Padraig Conneely and seconded by Cllr Declan McDonnell.</p>
<p><b>No. 5</b></p>	<p><b><u>Discussion on specific topics</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Terry O’Flaherty enquired about the new Garda Divisional Head Quarters – to what extent will it be open to general public, is the office fully staffed and how can public contact office?</p> <p>Supt M Skehill advised that the Western Regional Head Quarters are open from 8am to 9pm 7days a week. It is fully staffed. The contact number is (091) 337340 / 337341 and they also have a facebook page.</p> <p>Cllr Terry O’Flaherty queried what if action is being taken by the gardai to enforce bye laws in relation to illegal Casual Street trading.</p> <p>Supt M Skehill advised that there have been 12 on shop street this year and Gardai have their own legislation in relation to illegal casual street trading.</p>

<p><b>No. 6</b></p>	<p>Cllr Terry O’Flaherty having witnessed a number of individuals carrying out street begging what action can be taken by the Gardai to resolve this problem in Galway City.</p> <p>Supt M Skehill advised that there have been 24 incidents in relation to this to date. The legislation is very specific in relation to this and there has to be certain elements such as they are an intimidation to passer by’s.</p> <p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Mr Tommy Flaherty suggested that the Joint Policing Committee get a briefing in relation to the Commission on the future of policing in Ireland.</p> <p>The next JPC meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at 11.00am.</p> <p>This concluded the business of the meeting.</p>
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Road Safety & Traffic Management  
Committee

Report to JPC meeting.  
Date. 24.09.2018.

Members.

Catriona Morgan Sec C.C.

Carmel Kilcoyne City Eng.

Councillors Declan Mc Donnell, & Frank Fahy,

John Rabbitte PPN.

Sup Noel Kelly,

Deputy Seán Kyne & Simon Comer PPN were also on the committee.

The Objectives.

1.1. Carry out an assessment of existing speed ramps within the City area & make proposals/recommendations, to deal with & make them safer for the user.

The changes being pursued in this area are

a. An initiative has been put in place to ensure motorists would reduce speed. The reduction of the roads to one lane with yield signs at one entry.

b. It was also proposed -- The Road surface to be inserted with raised yellow paint,- tyre noise initiatives.

c. It was also proposed to use & highlight the ground erected road signs as they are regularly broken due to erratic drivers.

1.2. A discussion regarding the new initiative of the 30 kilometre speed limit which was in the pipeline was discussed. It was rolled out & put in place by central government. The road signs have now been erected & the benefits will not be lost to the public, especially families with young children.

1.3. Again with regard to road safety especially the roads that dissect estates & local neighbourhoods, there was the issue of speeding. The use of Traffic calming restrictions was the way forward.

1.4. There was also proposals to effect a solution to the issue of school traffic at drop-off & collection times.

It is proposed to enact a pilot schools initiative, to be carried out by the city council in conjunction with the police next month Oct, to review traffic/parking.--- Action on This initiative-Carmel Kilcoyne Galway city council engineer.

2.1. Carry out a review of non-motorised passenger transport and the Bye-laws that were affecting these issues.

2.2. Review existing legislation in relation to horse drawn vehicles/Sulkies on the public roads. This is ongoing.

3.1. Summary of the indicative action to be pursued in relation to each objective

Support the implementation of a road safety plan for city & county.

Review the Parking conditions & Bye laws. --- Office hours & social/evening times.

Examine Taxi issues with regard to Tax & Insurance issues. Exploitation & Law breaking issues. Need for more Taxi Parking spaces.

Explore the opportunity of optimising, renewing & the upkeep of signage across the city.

Explore all the issues which cause obstacles that compromise the free flow of Traffic.

- A. Traffic lights. Out of order & motorists ignoring the lights.
- B. Road junctions. Blind Spots due to parking obstructions.
- C. Roundabouts. Motorists ignoring rules and stopping in Yellow Boxes causing traffic-jams & stopping free flow of vehicles.
- D. Bus lanes. Motorists ignoring Rules of the road.
- E. Cycle lanes. Need to erect more & increase their numbers.
- F. Pedestrian crossing. Motorists parked & obstructing pedestrians right of movement.
- G. Footpaths. Cyclists usage.
- H. Motor-cyclists ignoring the rules of the road.
- I. The use of CCTV in conjunction with speeding, & to deter motorists from breaking the lights.
- J. Other areas of contention discussed was the issue of " Rat runs through private estates " Monivea Park, "entrance closed on Ballybane road. Also particular abuse of Tirellan & Caselawn estates on the Headford road.--Under review.  
Upkeep & road markings.  
Faded & not fit for purpose.

John Rabbitte.  
Chairman.

**To Enhance Community Safety Responses in Galway City  
with a view to crime prevention**

Our sub-committee comprises of myself as Chairperson, Cllr. Donal Lyons and Mr Tommy Flaherty of the JPC, Ms. Julie Molloy of Galway City Council and Sgt Michael Walsh from the Gardaí. Sgt Pat Flanagan was a previous member.

**Aims**

**Actions taken**

Support the expansion of Neighbourhood Watch, Business Watch and similar schemes in the city

We recommended and endorsed 'Pub Watch' be rolled out in the city in March 2017. The JPC supported this.

Increase Awareness and Implementation of Crime Prevention measures

We have asked the Gardaí and Galway City Council issue notice in local media and a leaflet drop advising of the lock Up/Light Up campaign in particular.

Examine initiatives to promote Student safety e.g. DASH

TBA

Support the expansion of CCTV where appropriate including a mapping exercise to identify areas covered

A mapping exercise has been undertaken by Galway City Council and the Gardaí. Details on Table 1 below.

The committee will then make Recommendations regarding areas in need of CCTV

Monitor health and safety practices in relation to drug paraphernalia in communities

Recommendation that Garda cars have a sharps box installed. This was carried out in 2018.

Support work of Drugs Taskforce

Invite issued to the Taskforce to speak to the JPC on their work.

**Table 1****Garda CCTV Cameras in Galway City**

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1. Eyre Square across from Richardson's Pub
2. Eyre Square, Foster St, near Garvey's Pub
3. Woodquay
4. Eyre Square, near AIB and Eyre Sq Shopping Centre
5. Eyre Square outside Supermacs
6. Eyre Square, middle of grass area
7. Eglinton Street & William Street, outside Monsoon Shop
8. Abbeygate Street, near Sally Longs
9. Shop Street and Abbeygate, at AIB Lynches Castle
10. Mainguard Street, Claddagh Jewellery Shop
11. Quay Street and Cross Street
12. Spanish Arch
13. Domnick Street, outside Monroes
14. Docks, near Dock Street
15. Westside Shopping Centre near McDonalds
16. NOT WORKING - Lower Salthill near Warrick
17. Salthill at roundabout near Seapoint
18. Salthill Prom, near Coco's Café & Leisureland

**Galway City Council Cameras in Galway City**

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To follow

Trusting this is the information required.

Regards,

Clr. Mike Cubbard

## **Galway City Joint Policing Committee - Sub Committee**

*Strategic Goal 4: To support Community Engagement Models of Practice in Galway City*

**Membership:** Tommy Flatherty (Galway Community Network), Sgt Peadar Ryan (Garda Síochána), Mairéad Farrell (Galway City Council) & Michael Forde (Galway City Council).

### **Aim:**

Strategic Goal 4 seeks to enhance community awareness and participation in schemes offered by various organisations.

### **Progress**

The committee chose to focus on developing community relations with elderly residents in the east side of the city and government bodies. A particular emphasis was placed on attempting to develop a trust and understanding of the Older People Register among residents. The Older People Register is part of the Garda Síochána's Older People Strategy. This register sees the collection of elderly residents' details including name, address, contact details and point of contact in case of emergencies. This can then be stored at Garda Stations and used if there are concerns about the welfare of a resident.

It was understood by the committee that there was a low level of participation in this register and the committee decided to work with residents of the Walter Macken flats in an attempt to boost the willingness to participate in this system. House to house calls were done and individuals were approached and the Older People Register explained to them. There was some uptake on this, however, further work is required to develop a more substantive register. This was considered a first step in advising residents of the services available to them.

It was agreed in order to progress this that a meeting should be held with the various groups and organisations which assist the elderly. This meeting would act as an information session to advise all residents of any schemes and programmes which they may avail of from both government agencies and the voluntary sector.



## Joint Policing Committee- Meetings in 2019

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019







## Galway City Comhairle na nÓg - 'Use Your Brain, Not Your Fists' campaign

14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Caitriona,

Please find a brief update on the involvement of Galway City Comhairle na nÓg in the 'Use Your Brain not Your Fists' campaign during 2018.

We linked in with Sergeant Michael Walsh of the Crime Prevention Unit on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to plan a workshop around the campaign to deliver with young people from Galway City who would attend the Galway City Comhairle na nÓg AGM 2018.

At the AGM, which was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018, and attended by approx. 60 young people the workshop composed of showing the short film from the Leitrim Comhairle na nÓg. Then the committee and Sgt. Walsh used drama to illustrate the point of how to handle difficult situations that may lead to aggression. The drama workshops raised awareness around how situations can easily escalate. The workshops also discussed how one can keep safe and help their friends to keep safe, while thinking of the consequences for themselves and others of being involved in assaults.

The workshop was delivered three times to over 60 young people. It was well received at the AGM and it was noted that the campaign informed the young people about the consequences from assaulting another person – they could lose their job, their ability to travel, and even go to jail. It also reminds people of the potentially devastating physical and mental impact on assault victims.

We have no immediate plans to deliver further workshops in 2019 as we are concentrating on the topic voted on at the AGM which is 'Homelessness'. However the committee would be happy to support any campaign around 'Use Your Brain not Your Fists' during 2019.

Kind regards,

Deirdre Bermingham  
Comhairle na nÓg Coordinator  
Youth Work Ireland Galway

